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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 77-38 (ADULT PROG. MGT.)

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: CUBAN AND INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAMS

REFERENCE:

Several counties have recently requested advice on the status of the Cuban Refugee (CRP) and Indochinese Refugee Assistance Program (IRAP) particularly with regard to county actions necessary in connection with the possible termination of both programs on September 30, 1977. We have been tracking carefully the progress of efforts at the federal level to extend in one form or another both programs. While it appears likely that both programs will be extended, either without change or under a phasedown plan, it is possible that authorizing action may be delayed to the point where counties would have insufficient time for necessary administrative actions to effect the change. Therefore, this letter provides instructions which will assist counties in preparing for an orderly conversion of eligible refugee cases to existing regular aid programs with minimum impact on recipients.

Our current best estimate of the situation is that all cases eligible for AFDC under federal eligibility requirements will be required to convert to that program. It is expected that federal funding will be available for some portion of the regular non-federal share of AFDC in order to minimize the fiscal impact on state and county government. It is also expected that the existing federally funded refugee programs will be continued for those cases which do not meet federal AFDC eligibility requirements. In order to prepare for this eventuality, counties are directed to accomplish the following actions by September 20, 1977.

CUBAN REFUGEE PROGRAM

1. Review all case files to determine federal eligibility for AFDC and amount of the AFDC grants. These cases should be marked for possible conversion to AFDC effective October 1. Eligibility may be determined without a new Form CA 2 if current and reliable information exists in the case file. WIN registration requirements for AFDC eligibles shall be accomplished during the month of October, 1977.

2. Cases not federally eligible for AFDC, including those apparently eligible for non-federal AFDC, will be continued on the regular CRP at current payment levels.
3. Notice of action requirements and questions of Aid Paid Pending are still under review. Specific advice on these matters will be furnished no later than September 8.

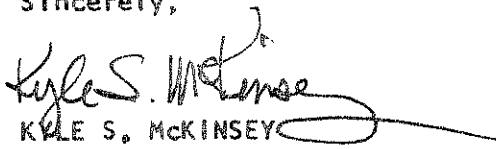
INDOCHINESE REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Review all case files to determine federal eligibility for AFDC and amount of the AFDC grants. These cases should be marked for possible conversion to AFDC effective October 1. Eligibility may be determined without a new Form CA 2 if current and reliable information exists in the case file. WIN registration requirements for AFDC eligibles shall be accomplished during the month of October, 1977.
2. Cases not federally eligible for AFDC, including those apparently eligible for non-federal AFDC, are expected to be continued under some form of extension of the IRAP, subject to congressional action pending at this time. We will advise you further as more definite information becomes available.
3. Notice of action requirements and questions of Aid Paid Pending are still under review. Specific advice on these matters will be furnished no later than September 8.

Fiscal instructions for accomplishing the caseload review and program transfer for both programs are attached.

Questions on present action plans should be directed to your County Adult Program Operations Bureau liaison at (916) 445-0813. Questions on claiming and related fiscal matters should be directed to the County Fiscal Administration Bureau at (916) 445-7046.

Sincerely,


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Attachment

CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CUBAN REFUGEE AND IRAP

HEW has verbally advised the state that the costs of converting the IRAP and Cuban caseload will be 100 percent funded as a special project. To the extent possible, this project should be accomplished with existing IRAP and Cuban Refugee eligibility staff. However, if it is necessary to divert staff or pay overtime, proper documentation should be maintained to support these charges.

These costs should be recorded on DFA 325.2, Group VI, Extraneous, in the following format:

<u>IRAP</u> - Overtime	_____
- Diverted AFDC Salaries and EB's	_____
<u>Cuban</u> - Diverted AFDC Salaries and EB's	_____

These costs will be recorded in the Extraneous category for information only. The costs should continue to be claimed in the appropriate category on the administrative expense claim. (Overtime for the Cuban EW's should be claimed on the Cuban claim, AA 228.)

Once formal notification is received from HEW, the state will make the appropriate adjustments to the administrative expense claim and submit the costs for payment.